

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants response filed 07/06/2009 is acknowledged.

Claims 1-4, 12, 21, 23, 25, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 46, 48, 49, are pending.

Response to Applicants Remarks:

Agreed upon amendments to claims (see below) and applicants persuasive arguments as well as cancellation of claims overcome the previously presented rejections under claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 102 and 103.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jay Lessler on 10/06/2009.

REPLACE Claim 1, line 6, “(b) adding an alcohol of the formula R3-OH to
the reaction of step (a)”
WITH

---(b) adding the reaction mixture of step (a) to an alcohol of
formula R3-OH;--

Claims 1-4, 12, 21, 23, 25, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 46, 48, 49 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIZAL S. CHANDRAKUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-6202. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571 0272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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